

ANXIOUS TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

The Administration Seeking
for a Precedent on Which
It May Act.

President and Cabinet Are in
Perfect Accord with the
Popular Sentiment.

Their Pretext Is Likely to Be the
Protection of American Inter-
ests in the South.

OLNEY TO ISSUE A COMMUNICATION.

Senator Call Offers a Resolution Asking
the President to Inquire into the
Arrest of Certain Ameri-
can Citizens.

By Julius Chambers.
Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Cullom, a
Republican candidate, and a member of
the Committee on Foreign Relations, is
authorizing the announcement that the
Secretary of State is about to issue a
communication regarding the arrest of
United States citizens in Cuba. The Span-
ish authorities in Havana have treated
American citizens in a high-handed man-
ner. Ramon O. Williams, the Consul-Gen-
eral, is married to a Spanish wife, the in-
terests of whose family are very large.

Senator Call presented this phase of the
Cuban question to-day, when he read a
telegram from Key West announcing that
a citizen of the United States had been
taken from the steamer Olivette and, with
two other American citizens, was in jail
at Havana.

It can be stated on authority that the
President and his Cabinet are in accord
with popular sentiment regarding the de-
sirability of recognizing the belligerence
of the Cuban insurgents, but Secretary Olney
claims that he has been unable thus far
to find any pretext that would justify him
in the eyes of the nations of the world
for so doing. This is the true situation.
For days the clerks at the State Depart-
ment have been preparing copies of all the
correspondence, consular reports and other
data regarding the exact situation in
Cuba in order that it may be sent to the
Senate and House in response to resolu-
tions calling for information on the sub-
ject.

This correspondence may be accompanied
by a message from the President, but it
is this work that has given rise during the
past forty-eight hours to the current
report that President Cleveland was about
to communicate officially with Congress
on the subject of Cuba.

Senator Sherman showed his conduct
in the Senate to-day that he was well
aware of what was going on at the State
Department; that he, indeed, knew its
exact character. He preferred that Sena-
tor Call's resolution should go to the Com-
mittee for a few days, in the hope that
pending its return to the Senate the cor-
respondence and accompanying documents
—possibly with a message from the Exec-
utive—would have been made public.

Senator Cullom, with his committee
connection, is entitled to credence in refer-
ence to this Cuban situation. When seen
to-night, however, Senator Vilas declared
that Mr. Cullom had probably obtained his
information from the newspapers. Assured
of the support of Congress, and sustained
by public opinion, the Administration may
venture to recommend Congressional action
on the only tenable ground that, in the op-
inion of Secretary Olney and other constitu-
tional lawyers, exists, namely, the preser-
vation of American interests in Cuba.

This Administration is ambitious to leave
a brilliant record as a patron of American
foreign trade, and the fact that Cuba as a
market for American goods has been prac-
tically destroyed by the wiping out of the
sugar and tobacco crops is thought to fur-
nish a pretext for interference, nominally
in the interests of peace, but really with
the devout expectation that an act of re-
monstrance will be equivalent to direct
intervention, and that thereby the strug-
gling Cubans may achieve their indepen-
dence.

President Cleveland is anxious to make
a great coup between now and July 7, so
that he or his protegee may count on carry-
ing more than five or six States in the
Union in November. Cuba is the only ques-
tion in sight and, whatever the pretext
may be for Executive action, every lever
of liberty will rejoice when this strong Gov-
ernment goes to the aid of the struggling
revolutionists.

GENERAL WEYLER IS SANGUINE

Expects to Subdue Cuba in Short Order.
Loyalty of General Campos.

Madrid, Jan. 21.—Delegates from the
Conservative and Reformist parties of
Cuba visited General Weyler, the newly
appointed Captain General of Cuba, yester-
day, and presented their respects. General
Weyler left Madrid last evening for Barce-
lona to embark for Cuba. A large crowd
of people bade him farewell at the station.
In response to the cheers of the crowd he
said he had strong hopes of being able
to announce the complete restoration of
Spanish sovereignty in Cuba.

Queen Regent Christina yesterday sent a
long cablegram to General Martinez Cam-
pos cordially thanking him for his ser-
vices in Cuba, to which the latter replied
expressing his gratitude for Her Majesty's
favours.

The Imperialist's special correspondent in
Havana telegraphs that at the moment of
his embarking for Spain General Martinez
Campos wired to the Government at Ma-
drid a message expressing patriotic senti-
ments and his gratitude for the favors he

INGERSOLL SPEAKS FOR CUBA.

He Advocates the Freedom of the Island and
Says Public Opinion Demands
Her Freedom.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I am on the side of the patriots of Cuba. Spain is a frightful
master, cruel and mercenary. When a boy I read the history of
Holland and have never liked Spain since.

With all my heart I am with the revolutionists, and I hope that
this country will help them by acknowledging their rights, thus al-
lowing the people of the United States to express their sympathy
with men, arms and money.

I take a greater interest in Cuba than in Venezuela. The dis-
pute between that country and England is of no importance to us.
If Cuba becomes free it will soon become a part of our country.

We ought to control all the islands that nature sowed along our
coast.

If the present Administration will be guided by public opinion
the Cubans will drive Spain from the island.

R. G. Ingersoll

had received at the hands of the Queen
Regent.

Colonel Sanchez, the dispatch says,
while marching through the province of
Pinar del Rio at the head of 800 men, met
Antonio Maceo at Colonilla with 2,000 men.
A fight ensued in the midst of which
Spanish reinforcements arrived, and the
insurgents were defeated with a loss of
300 killed and wounded. The captured
horses by the Spanish troops has been
accompanied by severe fighting.

CALL RESOLUTION DEBATED.

After Discussion It Is Referred to the For-
eign Relations Committee.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The proceedings in
the Senate relating to the introduction by
Senator Call of his resolution concerning
the arrest of American citizens by Span-
ish authorities, to which reference has
been made in the preceding dispatch, are
as follows:

Mr. Call's resolution requested the Presi-
dent of the United States to inquire into
the arrest and forcible removal of Mark
C. Rodriguez, a citizen of the United
States, on board of the United States mail
steamer Olivette, in the harbor of Havana,
on the 15th inst., and also into the arrest
of Louis S. Somellán and his son in Ha-
vana; and if no just cause of such arrests
exist, that the President shall demand their
immediate release.

Mr. Hoar said that if any action on the
subject were to be taken, the better form
would be to ask the President in the first
place for such information as the State De-
partment had.

Mr. Call suggested that the State Depart-
ment might not yet have received any in-
formation on the subject, as his own came
from a telegram received by him last even-

circumstances, make public what is said by
councils in a time of war, which would natu-
rally attract attention and would probably
endanger the lives of the consuls.

The resolution was referred to the Com-
mittee on Foreign Relations.

RESCUED FROM A MASSACRE.

Armenian-Americans Saved by Friendly
Turks at Harpoot.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 21.—Bodas Ohanlian,
an Armenian American citizen of this
place, has received a letter from his
brother, Garabad Ohanlian, of Harpoot, Tur-
key, conveying the information that the
brother, his wife and infant child escaped
the general massacre of Armenian Chris-
tians in Harpoot.

Garabad Ohanlian is an American citizen,
and has been for a number of years a resi-
dent of Providence, R. I., where he worked
as a machinist, and saved considerable
money. Eighteen months ago he returned
to his native country, where he purchased
and fitted up a house with his savings,
and married.

When the Turks were murdering the
Christians in Harpoot he and his wife and
child were sheltered by a friendly Turkish
family and managed to escape. Their
home was looted, and property to the
amount of nearly \$1,000 carried off.
He will demand indemnity from the
Turkish Government through the United
States officials.

No Force Organizing for Revenge.

Boston, Jan. 21.—Mr. Hagop Bogigian was
to-day shown a story from Lynn that men
were organizing in New England to avenge
the murders that have been perpetrated in
Turkey, and said:

"As an Armenian, I am in touch with the
Armenians in Boston and New England, and
they have shown proofs of their confidence
sufficient for me to make this positive state-
ment:

"There are no companies either formed or

DARING THIEVES IN UPTOWN HOMES.

Stole the Silverware of Broker
Maurice S. Wormser and
of Julius Sands.

The Former's House Had Burglar
Alarms and Was Otherwise
Guarded Against Invasion.

SOME VERY MYSTERIOUS FEATURES.

At the Sands House Some One of the Ser-
vants Probably Left the Basement
Door Open Long Enough to
Let the Thief In.

The house of Maurice S. Wormser, at No.
14 East Sixty-second street, was robbed on
Sunday morning of silverware valued at
\$800. About twenty-four hours later \$400
worth of silverware was taken from the
house of Julius Sands, No. 12 East Seventy-
eighth street, under almost similar cir-
cumstances.

Mr. Wormser is a well-known broker,
with an office in the Mills building, and his
home is one of the handsomest in a neigh-
borhood of imposing residences. Its fur-
nishings are elaborate and the array of

FOUR LITTLE ORPHANS WHO JOURNEYED ALONE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK.

(Sketches from life by a Journal staff artist.)



silver is such as to excite the cupidty of
any thief that knew of its existence.

The police prefer to believe that both
robberies were the work of sneak thieves;
that some servant in each house carelessly
left a door open, and a thief profiting by
the opportunity, went in and helped him-
self. This theory would scarcely hold in
each case, for there are features surround-
ing one of them which would make the
line of reasoning untenable.

the foot of the stairs. All of these doors
are invariably locked at night.

EQUIPPED WITH ALARMS.

Mr. Wormser declares that the burglar
alarm system he uses is perfect. It is so
sensitive to any disturbance that sometimes
when the wind blows very hard against the
windows the bell rings. He sets the mech-
anism at night, so that every part of the
house is connected. It has a clock attach-
ment, too, and if the broker desires to
awake the servants at a certain hour and
at the same time disconnect the burglar
alarm from the lower part of the house he
can do so just by the turn of a crank and
setting the alarm arrangement of the clock.
When the hour arrives an alarm rings in
the servants' rooms and the automatic ap-
paratus cuts off from the electric circuit
the part of the house they will occupy.

Mr. Wormser was more than careful on
Saturday night, for on the day before the
cook had discovered a rough-looking man
trying to get into the basement. She drove
him away. He said he merely wanted food.
So, after dinner, when the occurrence came
up for a brief discussion, the broker de-
termined, despite his efficient safeguard, to
see that the house was well secured. The
butler at 11 o'clock put all the silver in or
on the sideboard. That was the last seen
of it until the following morning. Mr.
Wormser declares that the whole house
was securely locked when he went to bed
a short time afterward.

He set the alarm so as to wake the
servants at 7:15. The cook, it appears, was
the first one downstairs, and she opened
the basement door to admit the milkman.
She did not see him to the gate when he
went out, but the milkman declares that
he closed the doors and the gate behind
him. He was scarcely two minutes in the
place.

THE BURGLARY DISCOVERED.

After the cook, the waitress came down
stairs. She says she went out to church.
When she returned to the house she set
about preparing the dining room for break-
fast. It was about 8:30 when the waitress

house disconnected from the alarm, and
8:30, when the waitress notified her mis-
tress the silver was missing.

If the thief entered by the basement
he must have known the house well, and
he must have had keys for the doors, sup-
posing that the gate was left open by
the milkman. It is just as credible, too,
that he entered from the front doors, from
which the dining room is forty or fifty feet
distant. But neither of these theories will
hold. It would take extraordinary negli-
gence at any time to lay the house open
to a sneak thief.

As soon as Mr. Wormser had completed
his investigation he notified the police of
the East Sixty-seventh Street Station, and
Acting Captain Casey at once took charge
of the case in person and gave instructions
to his detectives. Herlihy and Scheinzel
made a minute inspection of the
house, but could find no indication that
any of the locks had been tampered with.
Later in the day men from Police Head-
quarters were detailed to the case, and
Acting Captain O'Brien had postal cards
sent out describing the stolen property.

Mr. Wormser estimates his loss at \$800,
though by the theft the whole set of silver
is spoiled. It was a present to him and
this makes him all the more anxious to
get back the missing pieces. They are
marked "F. M. S. W."

POLICE AT SIDE DOORS.

"I don't know just what to make of the
robbery," said Mr. Wormser yesterday.
"It is a deep puzzle. I cannot tell in just
what lines the police are working, but I
hope to recover my silver, and recover it
soon. Whom do I suspect? Why, really
I don't know whom. I have studied over
the matter from several points, but as yet
am not fixed in my conclusion."

"Acting Captain Casey is very energetic
in working on the matter. He is the best
specimen of a sidewalk officer I have seen
in a great while. But the thing is out-
rageous. On Sunday all the policemen are
over on Third and Second avenues at every
side door, to please Dr. Parkhurst, while
we on this side who pay taxes, are abso-
lutely unprotected. But, what can Casey
do. He has to obey orders. The way it
seems now is that about the only man who
cannot help himself to anything is the
poor, honest man who can't even get a
drink on Sunday." Mr. Wormser says he
suspects none of his servants. The cook is
an old employee, the waitress has been in
the service of the family for two months.

THE SANDS ROBBERY.

It is thought one of the servants left
open the door of Mr. Sands's house, in
East Seventy-eighth street. Mr. Sands is
a dry goods business at the corner of the
street and is secretary of the Mercantile
Association. His house is in a handsome
block of residences, and is almost similar
in arrangement to Mr. Wormser's. The
thief visited there about nine o'clock
Monday morning.

It is supposed that entrance was gained
through the basement, though the cook,
who was there at the time, declares that
it would have been impossible for any one
to pass in without attracting her attention.
A man who attends to the furnace passed
out an hour before, and it is thought that
he left the gate open. This, however, the
man stoutly denies.

The upstairs girl found the inside door
of the basement vestibule open. She de-
clared that she had closed it a few minutes
before.

The drawers of the sideboard in the
dining room were open and empty. Every
piece of silver had been taken. There
were fifty-six pieces in all—thirty spoons,
twenty-four forks, one pickle dish and one
table fork. It is thought that two men
were concerned, for the weight of the booty
was more than one person could conveni-
ently carry.

AN ARREST EXPECTED.

Acting-Captain Casey detailed men on
this case also. "It is a common custom,"
said he, "for girls to slip out to gossip
near by or to buy beer for themselves,
while the servant was out somewhere.
Often my men have found a door with a
piece of paper put in between it and the
lamb to keep it from closing and locking
while the servant was out somewhere.
That is just what sneak thieves are on the
lookout for."

"There may soon be developments in the
Sands case. I cannot discuss the Wormser
case in detail, but I will say this much:
There will probably be an arrest shortly.
I shall first consult with Mr. Wormser."

TOTS TRAVEL FOUR THOUSAND MILES.

Four Orphans Arrive Unattended
Over Land and Sea from
San Francisco.

Greeted by Grandpapa and Grand-
mamma Ahrens at the Morgan
Line Steamship Pier.

CAME BY WAY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Charles, the Elder, Had \$8 Spending
Money That a Steerage Passenger
Tried to Get and Was Beaten
Thereby by a Deckhand.

Four tots, who had made the long trip
from San Francisco by sea and land to
New York with no one to care for them
on the way, arrived here yesterday morn-
ing on the Morgan Line steamer Louisiana.
Their arrival caused a commotion on lower
Eighty avenue, where Charles A. Ahrens,
the grandfather of the children, has been
keeping a cigar and tobacco store for
twenty-one years.

Ahrens had been imagining that dreadful
things had happened to the children, for it

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ily of tiny orphans could travel such a long
way alone. Upon being notified of the
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FRONT DOORWAY
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being formed in Massachusetts of New Eng-
land, of Armenians, or through the advice
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Operative Star for the Imperial.

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Experienced.

"Never mind who I am," said the portly
stranger to the loyal New Yorker. "I've had
experience with your people and I think I know
them."

"What are your impressions?"

"They are peculiarly strong in argument,
careful in aim, and their delivery is all that
it is cracked up to be."

"Ah! You are Mr. Ahlwardt! Thought you
had gone."

Slashed in a Quarrel Over a Woman.
Henry Thompson, of No. 321 Third street,
and Jack Hicks, of No. 74 York street, Jersey
City, both colored, started for a ball in Oak-
land Park, that city, shortly before midnight
Monday. On the way both became intoxicated.
They quarrelled about a woman and, as Hicks
had a razor, Thompson was cut across the ab-
domen. Hicks was arrested and held to await
the result of Thompson's injuries.

